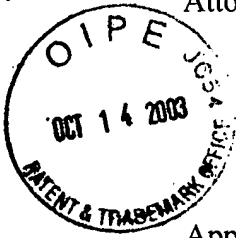


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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003, the period of response extending until November 28, 2003 (November 27 being a holiday), reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.